

Application No. 10/628,936  
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Applicant(s): Akiko KITAMI et al.

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For : INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS

Art Unit : 2861

Examiner : Thinh H. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
October 6, 2004, the term for response to which expires on  
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**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-4, 6-12  
and 14-22 are amended, and claims 5 and 13 are maintained.

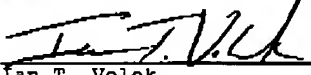
**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Amendment (17)

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Dated: January 6, 2005

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